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SUBJECT Development of a Truck Road from Puko 15 HOV 50

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1. Some time in 1949, a narrow dirt road 31 kilometers (19 and 1/4 miles) long between Puko (unlocated) * and Puryong (129-43, 42-04) was developed by the

- North Korean authorities. A stretch 12 kilometers $(7\frac{1}{2} \text{ miles})$ long through mountainous territory was begun in September 1949 and finished in December 1949.
- 2. Improvements in the road consisted of widening it to 4.5 meters (approximately 15 feet) and giving it some sort of hard surface. **
- 3. The project was accomplished through county (gun) labor conscription. The county through which the road runs was responsible for providing the necessary labor. About 700 workers per day were employed, as an average.
- Work on the road was completed some time in 1950. Its purpose is to provide better transport for heavy military traffic from Najindong (130-19, 43-12) to Hoeryong (129-45, 42-25).

25X1A* Comment. Puko appears from the source's description to be on the road between Chongjin and Najindong, near the coast. It may possibly mean Pugo-myon (approximately 129-53, 41-58), which is about the right distance and direction from Puryong. For a description of railroads in the axea, see 30-42520°

25X1A *** Comment. Source gave no details as to the nature of the surface but apparently understood some kind of surfacing material which could sustain military traffic.

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